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think the term is "arms-length sales," Senator Landis, because it's a willing buyer and a willing seller. But if the county assessors do not use all of the values, all of the reasons why a piece of property is valued higher or lower, then there's a problem. And we want to make sure that there is a way that the values across county lines are at least somewhat in the same ballpark. And if you eliminate these boards, I'm afraid that's what's going to happen. Nobody knows...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you. Nobody knows what the Saunders County Assessor is doing, nobody knows what the Seward County Assessor is doing, or the Lancaster, within those counties. But the Ag Land Valuation Board does know, and it is their responsibility to make sure that things are kept on an even basis, even considering all of the possible circumstances. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Landis, on the advancement of LB 261.

SENATOR LANDIS: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on advancement of LB 261. All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted on the question who care to? The question before the body is, shall debate cease on advancement of LB 261? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 12 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate (sic) was not successful. Debate does not cease, on with discussion. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'm very interested in the discussion that we're having here this morning, so with that discussion I had the opportunity to get ahold of one of the individuals that